



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 4, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 4, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 4, 2004 were 8.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,838	28,760	*28,892	28,956	29,233	29,704
AR	27,242	27,142	*30,052	30,578	*30,922	30,902
DE	3,500	3,780	3,464	*3,574	3,815	3,467
FL	1,345	1,300	*1,337	1,338	*1,339	1,339
GA	31,111	31,463	*33,290	31,549	*33,789	33,127
KY	7,088	*6,993	6,977	7,169	7,014	7,036
LA	3,983	3,982	3,984	3,984	3,979	3,984
MD	8,547	8,504	8,416	*8,554	*8,736	8,753
MS	17,223	18,861	*19,043	19,312	19,540	19,249
NC	18,024	17,072	*18,350	17,845	17,451	17,725
OK	6,107	*6,155	*6,639	6,648	*6,593	6,503
PA	3,910	3,886	3,758	*3,892	*3,673	3,604
SC	4,415	4,387	4,542	4,407	4,559	4,555
TX	*14,478	*14,794	*14,386	*14,822	*14,487	14,980
VA	5,987	6,274	6,330	6,355	6,499	6,398
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,756	*17,629	18,186	*17,468	*18,016	17,305
19 State Total	*197,554	*200,982	*207,646	*206,451	*209,645	208,631
Previous Year Total	192,346	201,076	205,395	204,537	208,986	204,662
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	100	101	101	100	102

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Oct 30 2004	Nov 6 2004	Nov 13 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Dec 4 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,203	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715	20,604
AR	23,732	22,634	23,357	22,691	*20,983	24,558
DE	5,463	5,557	5,483	*4,295	*5,125	5,457
FL	1,563	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354	1,639
GA	25,818	25,097	24,802	25,011	26,718	26,637
KY	5,947	4,853	5,222	5,562	*5,858	5,824
LA	3,578	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208	3,821
MD	4,728	4,402	4,454	*6,049	*5,417	4,457
MS	16,567	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631	16,887
NC	13,216	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317	14,867
OK	4,749	*5,459	*4,719	4,250	4,956	4,423
PA	2,803	2,633	2,731	*2,934	*2,818	2,789
SC	4,538	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664	4,267
TX	12,356	*11,512	10,967	*12,114	*12,427	12,074
VA	5,103	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913	5,561
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,584	*15,632	*16,059	*15,624	*16,578	17,152
19 State Total	165,948	*162,010	*161,210	*163,047	*166,682	171,017
Previous Year Total	160,094	153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561	167,566
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	105	104	104	101	102

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